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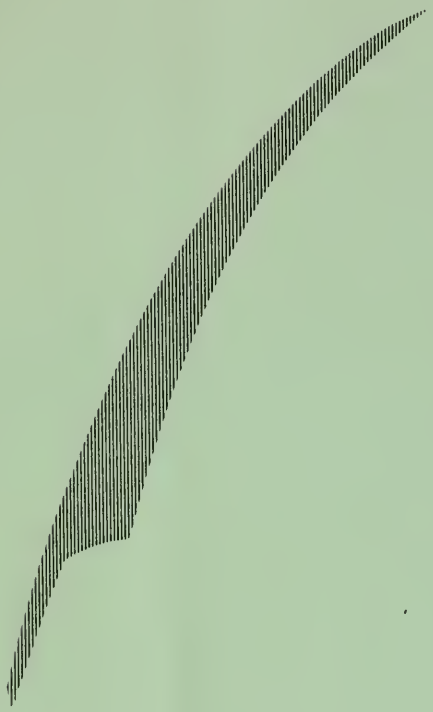

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MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORTS, 1968 - 1969

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

In October announcement of the administrator of the year award was made by the liaison from MASL at the four library sectionals of the MLA. The name and address of the committee chairman was announced at the meetings, and librarians were urged to submit the name of an administrator showing special interest in quality school libraries and fostering a suitable climate for them.

As an assistance to the committee, the staff at Montana State Library prepared and mailed to all school librarians the forms for recommending administrators, including the qualifications, criteria, and guidelines. The name of the eminently qualified administrator will be announced at the M.L.A. Conference in May.

A recommendation has been made to the committee that those librarians who have nominated administrators not chosen for the award should be so informed before the time of the conference. This seems unnecessary to your committee as such could be deduced when notice of their nominee's achievement was not forthcoming.

Lucille Brown, Helen M. Dresen, Mary B. Harstad, Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - TRUSTEES

The Awards and Honors Committee of the Montana State Library Association has received three nominees for the trustee of the year award.

The entrees have been judged and will be announced at the convention in May.

Alve Thomas, Sy Charles Seifert, Florena Vinal Lowrance, Chairman

CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

This committee supports last year's committee in the hope of recording state publications in a microform easily available for transmission to libraries which have only occasional need for such publications. The State Librarian reports the possibility of the establishment of a multi-state Documents Center for the recording of state documents to insure the availability of printouts as needed and to insure preservation of such documents. If such a plan could be implemented as a cooperative venture between several states the cost would not be prohibitive and the availability of basic documents for use as needed would be of great value to all the states involved. This committee heartily concurs in the project.

The State Librarian also reports that further efforts are being made to enlarge the numbers of publications distributed, with specific hope that the publications of the University System be added to the materials distributed. This would add greatly to the value of the distribution system. Since it would also add to the number of publications it is felt that some system of indexing the subject material contained is almost a necessity in order that requests for specific information may be satisfied. It is hoped to discuss this possibility at the Spring 1969 conference.

Ruth Longworth, Harriet C. Meloy, Lucile Speer, Josephine Self, Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

No report.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

It is with pride that I report to you that members of the Legislative Committee have met the challenge once again. In this year of austerity and cut-back, financial support of libraries was increased by 59% from the amount appropriated two years ago by the Montana Legislature. In order to provide another method of establishing a public library, an amendement to Public Library Laws was introduced and passed.

Through the efforts of Representatives Robert Glennen, chairman of the House Appropriation Sub-committee, E. W. Christiansen, Robert F. Dye and Ray J. Wayrynen and Senators LeRoy H. Anderson and Gaspard W. Deschamps of the Senate Finance and Claims Sub-committee, the budget was raised from $200,000 in the last biennium to $319,100 for the next two fiscal years. This great percentage of increase is due to the dedicated efforts of these six men. They stood up and were counted for libraries because they realized the need for increased financial support for the fine program maintained by our Montana State Library.

The initial request of the Montana State Library was considerably more than just funds to operate the State Library for it provided for matching money for the new programs. Less than half the original request was allocated, however, but we feel sure that if money had been available in the State General Fund that total needs would have been met by our legislators.

Members of the committee wrote, phoned and called on their Representatives and Senators to keep them informed of pending library legislation and programs. Without the help of our state-wide committee, our program could not have been successful. We owe a great deal of gratitude to

these people, many of whom are not even members of our organization.

An amendment to the Public Library laws to provide another method of establishing a library was introduced by Senators John D. Sheehy, Jack D. Rehberg, Elmer Flynn and William H. Bertsche, as SB 165. This was vitally needed in several sections of the state and it, too, passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor.

As your legislative chairman, I have been proud to work with such dedicated library enthusiasts, our committee of 364 members, and the legislators who worked so hard to support our program.

Margaret S. Warden, Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Library Development Committee of the Montana Library Association decided to take for its next project the writing of Standards for Public Libraries in the State. A meeting of the Committee was held at the Great Falls Public Library on January 6, 1969. The actual task of writing the Standards was distributed among five working groups made up of members of the committee. The committee expects to meet again on April 14th in Helena at the Montana State Library to coordinate the drafts prepared by each working group. At the Association meeting in Billings in May, it is proposed that there would be a draft of the public library standards ready for discussion by the membership.

Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

Four workshops on Local History sources were sponsored by the Montana State Library this past year. The idea came from this committee.

Meetings were held at Missoula, Great Falls, Wolf Point and Billings with Rita McDonald, formerly Montana Historical Society librarian and now of Oregon State, as consultant. Mr. David Hoffman was workshop director. Many Montana people took part, including librarians Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Miss Mary Dempsey, Mr. Lawrence Hodges, Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Mrs. Lucille Brown, Mrs. Kathleen Vereker, Mrs. Marie MacDonald, and Mrs. Jean Davis.

These meetings were very stimulating and profitable.

Janet Clayton, Mary DeLand, Mary K. Dempsey, Marie MacDonald, Chairman

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

The chief activity of the Authors Committee in 1968 was completion of the Montana section for the 2nd edition of Who's Who Among Pacific Northwest Authors. This included compiling a necrology for authors represented in the first edition and supplement now deceased, deleting entries for authors no longer active, up-dating entries for authors still writing and preparing entries for those who have come into prominence since 1961.

The entries for the 48 authors represented in the Montana section were sent to the editor in November. According to plan, the 2nd edition should appear in the summer of 1969.

Biographical data, newspaper clippings and sketches for new writers that have responded to inquiry have been added to the committee's author notebooks on file in the University of Montana Library.

Florena Vinal Lowrance, Minnie Paugh, Bill Willmering, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The National Library Week program got under way with an organizational meeting of the State Committee in Missoula, December 12, 1968. Robert Sullivan, Dean, School of Law, University of Montana served as Chairman of the Committee and presided at the meeting. Goals were adopted and individual assignments made. It was decided that particular attention would be given to the immediate goal of interpreting and implementing service to the physically handicapped with emphasis on identifying people who are eligible for this service.

A coordinated effort to publicize the services to the physically handicapped included a letter to all radio stations in the state from William Holter, Committee member and member of the Executive Board of the Montana Broadcasters Association, urging the stations to schedule public service spots devoted to the Talking Book program. This letter was followed up with visits from the local librarians who gave the station managers an opportunity to see and hear the Talking Book machines and records. At the time of this writing, there is every indication that the radio stations are giving the greatest cooperation to this plan and that the publicity for this service will be tremendous.

The Montana Association of Student Librarians were involved in a major project for the Week this year. They conducted surveys in their counties to identify all library resources and the results have been compiled and printed in a Directory of Resources.

The State Committee furnished bookmarks featuring the National Library Week Jet Boy in full color to all the public and school libraries in the state. Stationery reproducing the Lynde drawing of the little boy on the horse was printed and used by the State Committee members for their mailings. Miss Lesley Heathcote was named Librarian of the Year and received

this award during the Week in Bozeman. Libraries throughout the state formed local committees, planned a myriad of activities and did their usual fine job of observing this yearly event.

Each year Montana libraries and librarians continue to make superb use of National Library Week to further their goals and tell their communities about the never ending rewards of books and reading.

Alene Cooper, Executive Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Montana Library Association submits the following slate of officers for 1969-1970:

President
Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Librarian, Sentinel High School, Missoula

Vice-President and President-Elect
Mrs. Mabel Brewer, Librarian, Flathead County Library, Kalispell

Secretary
Mrs. Terry Clay, Assistant Reader's Services Librarian, Montana State Library, Helena

Treasurer
Mrs. Rita Nelson, Serials Librarian, University of Montana, Missoula

ALA Representative
Mrs. Clare Smith, Librarian, Miles City Public Library, Miles City

Mabel Brewer, Mildred Valach, Jean Davis, Chairman

PUBLICITY REPORT COMMITTEE

During the past year the Publicity Report Committee of Montana Library Association has prepared two letters addressed to all librarians in Montana. These letters made suggestions for local publicity; announced and urged cooperation with a contest for library publicity scrapbooks to be held at the Billings conference May 8 through 10; cooperated with the Montana National Library Week Committee in urging publicity activity for this event; and requested letters detailing successful new publicity methods during the year. The Publicity Report Committee also initiated some of the plans for the handling of the scrapbook competition in Billings.

Results of the committee's activities cannot be estimated until the Billings conference. If more and better scrapbooks are brought to the conference, this will be a tangible indication of progress.

Jane Holmes, Lucie Reedy, Elizabeth Schafer, Chairman

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

Since the Academic and Special Libraries Division is an informal group, the activities tend to be centered around the annual meeting of MLA.

As librarians we continue to be concerned with mutual or unique problems. As members of MLA many of us are on committees. So, though we haven't seemed active as a division we have been individually contributing to furthering the purposes of the association.

A report of the division meeting last year in Great Falls was in the Proceedings issue of Montana Libraries (July, 1968 Supplement).

It is interesting to note that half of the officers are academic librarians!

An active division comes only through participation. If there are any needs or problems or successes, by sharing we can be more productive. Discussion with your chairman could develop a program of study for exploring concerns.

Alice McClain, Chairman

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

A series of excellent regional library workshops sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction in cooperation with the Montana State Library and MASL were held in December in Billings, Glasgow, Great Falls and Missoula. Library cooperation was the main theme of the workshops with James Marvin's Plan for Library Cooperation in Missoula County, Montana given particular consideration. Gary L. Banks, Acting High School Supervisor from the State Department of Public Instruction, discussed Title II and David Hoffman, Coordinator of Library Development, Montana State Library told about Montana activities under Title III, the Library Services and Construction Act. Miss Peggy Sullivan, well known to all of us as a former director of the Knapp School Libraries Project, talked on Innovators in Library Services. A panel discussion moderated by David Hoffman followed. These workshops were well received by Trustees, Administrators, Friends and Librarians.

The Standards Implementation Committee with Letitia Johnson, Chairman, Alve J. Thomas and Richard Fretheim reports that the Standards for

School Media Programs are published. The report of this committee is of particular interest to all school librarians and is included here as it was given to your MASL Chairman:

The Standards for School Media Programs are published. They were prepared by the American Association of School Librarians and the Department of Audiovisual Instruction (NEA) in cooperation with representatives of fifteen (15) other education agencies. They endorse the concept of organizing all learning materials in a single media service; they recognize that a unified program provides greater promise of effective support to the curriculum and of efficient service to students and teachers.

The school librarians have implemented these new standards by

1) recognizing the opportunity to keep abreast of the fast changing systems and increased demands;

2) up-grading their knowledge and ability to expand their concepts of service and to increase their facilities effectively;

3) attending workshops and institutes which interpret the new guidelines for service and reporting to administrative personnel and boards; and by

4) setting new goals for their own activities so they bring together materials in all media and guide the users to make the most effective use of everything available.

Our committee takes no credit; the progress in "standards implementation" is made by the school librarians who are doing those things "which are so daily" in each school library. Kudos to YOU.

Mary Harstad, Washington School, Glendive, Chairman of the Awards and Honors Committee, assisted by Helen Dresen, MSU, and Helen Brown, Glasgow High School, had announcements made in October by liaison representatives to the library sectionals of MEA and the name and address of the committee chairman given. The staff of the Montana State Library prepared and mailed the forms for recommending administrators to all the school libraries. The qualified administrator has now been chosen and his name will be announced and the award presented at the MLA Conference in May.

MEA library sectional meetings in the fall were attended and reported on by MASL liaison appointees Mary Harstad, Mary Hveem, Virginia Hansen and your chairman, substituting for Louise Murray.

The chairman of the new Audio-Visual Committee, Owen Ripley, Hardin Junior High School, will report on some of the excellent media centers in schools in Montana and discuss Montana's progress toward reaching the goals set forth in the recently published Standards for School Media Programs. He has been assisted by R. K. MacDonald, Beaverhead County High School, Dillon.

MASL members continue to support the Montana Student Librarian organization with Gladys Ostrom, Florence-Carlton School, Florence, inquiring into the activities of the district and state meetings and checking on general progress of the high school organization.

Publicity Chairman, Patricia Stevens, reports that she has urged school librarians to keep their communities informed about activities. She has promoted some fine activities in the public relations field in her own school and feels that much more can be done by school librarians. She will give the convention specific suggestions about letting the community know the accomplishments its young people make in the school library. Publicity material has been submitted to MEA magazine. The Curriculum and Educational Development Committee of MEA included a series of questions in a survey sent to superintendents in most areas of Montana on library development. The committee publicized its findings in its report to the Delegate Assembly and in the MEA Journal.

A letter urging all school librarians and administrators to celebrate National Library Week was written by Chairman Sister Mary Corrine Foley of Great Falls Central. She included some ideas for "selling" the library program and wished everyone good luck in his promotion activities.

Patricia Porro, Simms Public Schools, Membership Chairman, again this year invited school librarians and administrators to join MASL. Fewer librarians heeded her fine invitation but more administrators than last year became members.

Your chairman attended the Executive Board meeting in Helena on February 8th to make plans for the MLA Convention in Billings in May. She also attended a meeting at the Montana State Library February 7th to discuss continuing education needs of Montana Library personnel. Late in March a workshop was held in Great Falls for Library Association Executive Boards of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming on how well the Library Association serves the needs of its members and this essential and interesting workshop was also attended by your chairman.

A recommendation to the membership from the chairman would be to continue a lively enthusiasm for libraries, to push public relations, to encourage recruitments, and to continue to make MASL an effective organization.

Constance Lohse, Chairman

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS DIVISION

Highlight of the past year for the Division was the series of workshops for trustees held last June in Missoula, Great Falls, Glasgow and Billings. Mrs. Grace Stevenson, past Deputy Executive Director of the American Library Association, Dr. Gardner Cromwell of the University of Montana Law School and Dr. Richard Shannon, Professor of Economics of the University of Montana, presented excellent programs on trustee responsibility which were called "A Time for Great Things". It is good to know that

another series of institutes is scheduled again this year in June.

Trustees and Friends were well represented on Margaret Warden's large and effective Legislative Committee and worked hard to further the library program with the 1969 Legislature. Mrs. Warden's success story will be included in another portion of these reports and we can be proud of our part in this endeavor.

Trustees in Billings will soon be dedicating a huge new library facility. New quarters will be dedicated in Valier; Kalispell will have both the city and county libraries consolidated into one system and housed in a remodelled post office building.

All good news of library progress in the state is news of trustee and friends activity. Montana has much for which we can be grateful and members of our Division have helped to a most gratifying degree.

Montana trustees are represented on the national scene by Mrs. Velma Pemberton, Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee and Mrs. Margaret Warden, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the American Library Trustees Association.

Plans are in progress for an excellent program for this Division for the afternoon meeting on May 10th at the Montana Library Association Conference. We will look for a fine attendance at that time.

Don Gibson, Chairman

ALA COUNCILOR

The 87th Annual Conference of ALA held in Kansas City, June 21st was attended by 6,843 persons. This was considerably less than other conferences for the housing situation was difficult. ALA like MLA finds itself limited to the number of cities that can now house the members and still provide suitable space for meetings and exhibitors.

The conference pointed out two significant problems of the Association: 1."growing pains and 2.the "so-called generation gap." The need for financing new committees and a planned program for the formation of the Round Table on social responsibilities was hampered by lack of funds. The question arose as to cutting the budget or raising membership fees. The answer lies in the fact that cutting corners is a downgrading of objectives. The smart, young librarians in attendance pointed to the "generation gap" for they were more interested in the Association's programs and wanted a voice in its affairs. They added a wholesome and refreshing touch.

Recommendations as presented by the National Advisory Commission on Libraries were considered. Noteworthy were: that the Commission be a continual federal planning agency; that the Office of Education be a permanent agency for meeting the needs of library service; that continued

funds be provided to strengthen state libraries which should be the disbursing agents in all federal library programs.

I attended meetings of the Young Adult Division and presented Montana's report at the meeting of the Trustees Association for Velma Pemberton for she had the honor of presiding. Most pleasant experience was when Velma and I accepted for Alene Cooper, Executive Director, and Virginia Harlowe, State Chairman the National Library Week Award for Montana as runner-up in the nation.

I listened spellbound to noted author, Alex Haley, who was introduced by his brother, Kansas State Senator, George Hales. Quoting from Wilson Library Journal, "With quiet, growing intensity he told of his search and discovery of his ancestors back through slave days and into the foothills of the Gambia River in Africa". His book, "Before This Anger", soon to be published, tells his story.

If Conference was a mental stimulant, it was also a physical conditioner for my roommate, Terry Clay and I finally managed to take the hill to the hotel on high. Terry covered the Hospital and Institutional Library Division and I wanted to be two people for her meetings proved equally as interesting. The voice of Montana is an audible one at the national level for who could be busier than Alma Jacobs, Executive Board Member and Ruth Longworth, State Librarian, and staff members from the Montana State Library.

I appreciated representing the Montana Library Association at ALA. My one regret is that more Montanans can not be in attendance.

Clare M. Smith, ALA Councilor

FEDERAL COORDINATOR

Present chief concern with national library legislation is the bill to establish a permanent National Commission on Libraries and Informational Science. Identical bills are in both the House and Senate and we are pleased to report that Mike Mansfield is one of the sponsors.

This is critical time with the need for a renewal of the Library Services and Construction Act for another five years. There is need, too, of a great deal of work to restore the amounts which have been cut from the library programs in the Library Services and Construction Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Higher Education Facilities Act. All appropriations have been drastically cut and the programs are curtailed. The 1970 U.S. budget prepared by the Johnson Administration was sent to Congress on January 15th. It is expected that President Nixon will transmit an additional message of his own in the near future, which will carry supplemental requests, representing the Republican Administration's program priorities.

Ruth O. Longworth, Federal Coordinator

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

Activities at the State Library during a legislative year are primarily concerned with budget and certainly this year was no exception. A full account of legislative action will be printed in Margaret Warden's report and will not be repeated here, except to announce a 59% increase from $200,000.00 for the present biennium to $319,100.00 for the 1971 biennium. The State Library Commission and the State Library staff are endlessly grateful to Mrs. Warden and the 364 members of her committee.

David Hoffman, earlier Assistant Director of the American Library Association International Relations Office, joined the State Library staff in July 1968 as Coordinator of Library Development. Under David's fine leadership, the State Library has been able to offer several excellent series of area workshops: for trustees; on gathering and preserving local history; and on school and public library relationships, in cooperation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. He is presently working with the Library Development Committee to write standards for public libraries in Montana. He is also giving direction to the Student Librarians Association in the preparation of a directory of Library resources in every county in the state. This will be given wide distribution during National Library Week.

The Plan for Library Cooperation in Missoula County, prepared by James Marvin, Librarian of the Topeka, Kansas Public Library, was published in November, 1968. Mr. Marvin was engaged to do a pilot study in that area and the results of his survey will have use and application in all other areas of the state.

Florena Vinal, a most valued member of the staff for many years, was married in December, 1968 to Frank Lowrance and will leave her position as Reference and Acquisitions Librarian in the near future. Her many years of devoted service are deeply appreciated and she will be greatly missed.

Progress of the new programs under the Library Services and Construction Act have been fully reported in the Biennial Report which all Montana Library Association members have received. In preparation is a new brochure for the visually handicapped which will serve as a directory of services from the State Library, the Department of Public Instruction, the School for the Deaf and Blind and the State Welfare Department. All programs are progressing in a highly satisfactory manner.

The Billings Public Library will dedicate its beautiful new facility in late May. Valier, Kalispell and Sheridan are also soon ready to dedicate new quarters. In process and in the planning stage are buildings in Baker, Forsyth, Chester and Eureka. The Helena Public Library and the Missoula City-County Library have applied for planning grants for their much needed new quarters.

In March, a two day institute was held in Great Falls involving the three library associations of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming and the personnel of each State Library. A most profitable time was spent examining

the strengths and weaknesses, the relationship between the associations and the state library agencies and ending with recommendations for future action that will result in stronger associations. We had the help of Phyllis Maggeroli, Special Programs Coordinator, American Library Association and Gerald Shields, Editor of the ALA Bulletin who assisted David and Adelaine Midgett in planning and presenting the workshop. There was agreement that the new executive boards of each association would profit by an orientation workshop at the beginning of each year to set goals that are in accord with the ALA aims and with the state plan for the development of all types of libraries.

Ruth O. Longworth, Librarian

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

The fifty-eighth PNLA conference was held August 14-16, 1968 at the Bay Shore Inn in beautiful and hospitable Vancouver, B.C. Mary E. Phillips of the Library Association of Portland, presided. The theme of the conference was "Library cooperation: today and tomorrow". There were 457 in attendance.

Featured speakers for the conference were: Mrs. Marian Gallagher, Law Librarian of the University of Washington, who talked on "Happenings on a committee". This was a witty discussion of her experiences as a member of the President's National Advisory Commission on Libraries. Dr. Irving A. Verschoor, Dean, the College of General Studies, State University of New York, discussed the development of library systems in New York in his talk entitled "Practicing cooperation". "The other side of the coin" was the title of a speech given by Dr. William R. Conte, the Director of Institutions, State of Washington. He told how library programs could be a part of the over-all operation of institutions.

Roger McDonough, President of ALA, spoke on the problems and potentials of the ALA and on the cooperative movement. He urged all library associations to be in closer relationship with ALA. Barbara Markuson, formerly with Information System Office of Library of Congress and now a PhD candidate at the University of Chicago, spoke on the "Implications of systems studies". Among other things she discussed the development of the Mark II project. Another speaker was Melvin R. Arnold, President of Harper, Rowe Publishing Company. He spoke about the publishing business.

Miss Germaine Krettek, Director of the ALA Washington office, was most entertaining in recounting certain incidents concerned with the passage of major library legislation in Washington, D. C. The title of her talk was "Channels of Communication in Legislation". A panel of three librarians, Basil Stuart-Stubbs, University of British Columbia, Donald A. Baird, Simon Fraser University, and Dean W. Halliwell, University of Victoria, discussed the cooperation of the three libraries in sharing their resources in "How It Is Being Done". Beverly Cleary, whose book "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" won the Young Readers Choice Award delighted those attending the Children and Young Adult Services Division

breakfast. Dr. R.C.J. Harper, Director of Behavioral Science Foundations, Simon Fraser University, gave a most entertaining speech at the final banquet. The speech was entitled "Morality in the Stacks".

Montana Library Association members who are active in PNLA for the 1968-69 term are: Audrey Haight, Vice-Chairman of the College Division; Margaret Hileman, Chairman of Public Libraries Division; Helen M. Ewing, Chairman of the Circulation Division; Alice M. Ridenour, Chairman of Technical Services, William Willmering, Chairman of the Printing and Publications Committee of the Reference Division; Minnie Paugh, Bibliographic Committee; Adelaine Midgett, Membership Committee; Lawrence W. Hodges, Chairman of Library Development and Legislation Committee; Jean Davis, Nominating Committee; Margaret Warden, Special Projects Committee.

At the October PNLA Executive Board meeting held in Portland, Oregon, plans for the 1969 conference were discussed. It was voted to extend an invitation to librarians in Alaska to consider joining PNLA. The Board also voted to authorize the Reference Division to print a new edition of PACIFIC NORTHWEST AUTHORS.

The 1969 Conference will be held at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle September 3-5. The theme will again be "Library Cooperation: Today and Tomorrow".

This is the jubilee anniversary of PNLA.

Kay Griffith, PNLA Representative

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Active members:			
School librarians		112	
Public librarians		109	
Academic and Special librarians		45	
Total active			266
Associate members:			
Friends		138	
Trustees			
Commission members	4		
Public library trustees	169		
School administrators	78		
Total trustees		251	
Total associate			389
Institutional members			7
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, 1968/69			662
GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP SINCE May 1, 1968			8

Don Gibson, Constance Lohse, Alice McClain, Rita Nelson, Chairman

REPORT OF TREASURER

GENERAL FUND:

Receipts	
Balance in checking account April 15, 1968	$1900.50
Certificate of deposit	1000.00
Memberships	1728.00
Exhibit space 1969 conference	540.00
Interest, Certificate of deposit	22.56
	$5191.06
Disbursements	
American Library Association, dues	$ 25.00
Exhibits Roundtable, membership	3.00
Expenses, 1968 conference	444.92
Executive Board	177.00
A.L.A. Representative, expenses	250.00
A.L.A. Washington office, gift	100.00
Treasurer	250.00
Postage and office expense	88.78
Schools Section, 1968 postage and expense	44.10
Schools Section, 1969 postage and expense	11.68
Gifts	15.00
Legislative Committee	575.47
1969 Conference, expense	20.74
Transfer to Scholarship fund, 1968/69 memberships	172.80
	$2178.49
BALANCE	$3012.57
Balance in checking account	$1990.01
Certificate of deposit	1022.56
	$3012.57

SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Savings Account)

Receipts	
Balance April 15, 1968	$1047.80
Interest	21.06
Transfer from General Fund, 1968/69 memberships	$ 172.80
	$1241.66
TOTAL ASSETS	$4254.23

Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer